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Anti-Tammany.

hostile to Tammany Hall are now public. The most conspicuous, that of the anti-Tammany Democrats, is signed by JOHN C. SHEERAN, JOHN D. CRIMMINS, E. ELLERY ANDERSON, RASTUS S. RANSOM, LOUIS MUNZINGER, PETER B. OLNEY, JOHN JEROL-OMAN, NICHOLAS T. BROWN and other men less known to general fame but no doubt of importance in their respective districts.

The municipal administration for the last three years has been so notoriously extravagant, mercenary and corrupt" that there has arisen "an imperative duty to take positive action toward preventing that organization from acquiring a new lease of power." But it must be noted that this stirring appeal is addressed to the " Democratic masses" as the "overwhelming majority of the electors of the city."

Upon them, the anti-Tammany Democrats, rests peculiarly the odium of being represented and dominated by the "unscrupulous faction" which it is desirable to displace. The time for overthrowing this combination will be the moment when the "honest Democratio masses realize their own power" and the "obligation" accompanying it. To "rescue this imperial city " and to " relieve the Democratic party " of the disgrace previously described, the signers of this address invite " Independent Democrats " to assemble on April 18 in order to form an organization which shall truly and well represent the "honest sentiment and aspirations of the Democracy of this metropolis."

In this distinctly partisan address there is nothing perceptible of a plan for opposing Tammany with a general array of anti-Tammanyism.

Mr. WILLIAM BROOKFIELD, an old Republican politician, has also given his views about preparing for the municipal election next fall. He regards as the step most desirable a qualified repudiation of the Republican County Committee-possibly a better word is "supervision," of the committee. This means of course that in Mr. BROOKFIELD's mind the Republican organization is not to be commended as the representative of New York city Republicanism in any anti-Tammany com-

Mr. BROOKFIELD is an energetic and effective member of the anti-organization Republicans, and Mr. CRIMMINS is the same, or better, among the anti-organization Democrats. But in the proceedings of neither gentleman do we observe the impulse for subordinating other considerations to the purpose of overthrowing Tammany Hall that augurs a successful union of all anti-Tammany forces at the election in the fall.

The Coming Debate on British Army Reorganization.

discuss the plan of army reorganization go far to stop the machinery of Churches or, town; pardoned on the ground that he prepared by Mr. Brodrick, the Secretary of at least, would check it seriously. State for War, on Monday next, when the matter will come before it upon a motion that the Secretary's plan is "expedient." The official plan of "reconstitution" calls for six army corps to be organized in the United Kingdom, with the necessary staffs, fess to have, claims against China have destores and buildings; a Militia reserve of clared officially that they desire to uphold not more than 50,000 men; an increase of her territorial integrity. Intentions, howthe Yeomanry from 10,000 to 20,000, and ever, are best proved by deeds. It is obvious the enrollment of eight regiments for garri- that the Middle Kingdom can only meet asked for to carry out this plan of reor- indemnity, in one of two ways; that is to ganization provides, it is said, for only say, by money or by territorial concessions. four of these army corps; but on this point | If the aggregate sum required of her shall as well as on other points, the proposal is exceed her financial resources, she must certain to meet lively opposition, or at all either satisfy her creditors in part by a

Parliament who have served in the army latter alternative she cannot resort in her and the navy) are trying to agree upon present helpless condition. It follows that a plan to propose instead of Mr. Bron- every foreign Power, which honestly wishes RICK'S; one such Member is prepared to to safeguard the Celestial Empire from call for "increased incentives with respect | renewed dismemberment, will restrict its to pay, promotion and pension " for officers | demand for pecuniary reparation to an and non-commissioned officers; another amount which the debtor State can furnish, will urge three instead of six corps; a third | without crippling its power of maintaining will object to the increase of the Yeomanry; Internal tranquility and order. and a naval Member will insist that the Tried by this test, what Powers have navy, not the army, ought to be the subject | made good their promise to preserve China's | and rare, something original and splendid | spirit shown in the South Side Women's Club of careful consideration.

of the scheme lies in the great lack of was instructed, moreover, to say that our officers for the proposed corps. Each of demand would be reduced to \$12,500,000, these corps is to consist of 40,000 men; provided the aggregate indemnity were the staff necessary to place and keep such correspondingly curtailed. a corps in proper condition is very large; Great Britain's demand is somewhat and there are no officers available, and smaller than our own, and Japan's is will be none for an indefinite time unless only a little larger, although the latter the South African war ends at once. How Power took the foremost part in the resgreat this lack of officers has been ap- | cue of the legations, despatching for that pears from a statement that during the period of greatest war pressure there were only seventeen duty-doing officers with 6,000 troops at Woolwich, of whom ten were Second Lieutenants. Another point in the proposals which is criticised severely is that which provides for six self-contained.

The fond curve are on exhibit where the populace may marvel and the cynic sneer if he chooses. He will be asked to remain for the amount which he will have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which he will have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which he will have to pay under the decision at the content of the content of the content of the mount which he will have to pay under the decision at the cynic sneer if he chooses. If which he will have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the content of the content of the content of the mount which have to pay under the decision at the content of the con is that which provides for six self-contained them there is to be debited to China. There | woman who will teach the children must corps headquarters. These it is said, will is no doubt, nevertheless, that Great Britain, touch the magic lyre of song and invoke be merely six War Offices instead of one, as well as the United States and Japan, the Muse."

to accept a new plan of defence without debating it in all its aspects, and it may be expected that the plan finally adopted by be the most available suggestions for meeting a very serious condition for Great Britain, and for producing an army system, as well as an army, of greater military efficiency than that relied upon heretofore. Mr. BRODRICK's plan may be accepted as it stands; it may be altered beyond recognition; it may be rejected. It has been suggested that the Secretary for War is riding for a fall." If he is, the debate that is to begin next Monday may be extremely important for other than army interests, for Mr. BRODRICK's position in the Cabinet is such that he cannot fall alone. But the of the First Engineers, U. S. V., who has suggestion may be dismissed, probably, for the Salisbury Government is not likely to turn over to the Liberals, as incidental Two pronunciamientos of political groups to the right to reorganize the army, the right also to end the South African war.

Penitential Giving.

It is said, and is probably true, that the offertories, the contribution boxes, of churches, profit largely by receiving gains made by gambling, and that such a disposition of money won is made by the gamblers as a salve to their consciences.

Accordingly some of our ministers are crying out against the practice as allying religion with gambling. They are simply reviving a question long since beaten threadbare. At one time, in this country, lotteries for religious, charitable and public purposes were frequent, and they were encouraged at a day when religious faith was strong and general. Churches, colleges and libraries were either built or enlarged out of the proceeds of lotteries, and even now fairs at which there are games of chance are held for the support of religion.

Men who have prejudices against betting engage in it sometimes, on the condition that the stakes won shall go to religious or charitable purposes. This they do on the ground that as no selfish interest is to be promoted by the bet the practice is relieved of any moral hurtfulness there may be in it; and it is a reasonable argument. The appeal to chance becomes thus mere sport, and it has never been esteemed inconsistent for religion or religious charity to profit by such means, which in essential morals are not different from gay social entertainments, the annual Charity Ball, for example, the use of which for gain to itself is sanctioned by religion.

It is making a pretty fine point when there is an attempt to discriminate against winnings at the present fashionable game of bridge whist. Moreover, how, practically, is any such discrimination to be made among the contents of a church offertory box or plate? How shall the gains from gambling be distinguished? Shall fashionable gamblers be excluded from attendance on churches and thus shut out from the persuasions of religion? Because they are pricked in their consciences shall they be deprived of such relief as they may get from giving their winnings to the LORD? Shall they not be allowed for them, since to offer the money back to those from whom they won it would be regarded as an insult? Is not much of the money contributed to religion or charity an offering prompted by consciousness or possessors from admission to heaven?

Do Certain Powers Desire the Dismemberment of China?

All the foreign Powers that have, or proson service. The "vote" or appropriation | the demands imposed upon her, by way of further mutilation of her territory, or leave The "Service Members" (Members of them to a certain extent unpaid. To the

territorial integrity? It is certain that our is done or said in that many-gifted city Considerable comment is made on the State Department cannot be taxed with every day and hour. A day or two ago if official proposal and its terms. Can Mr. duplicity or with inconsistency. It began somebody had asked us if there is in the BRODRICK'S SIX army corps be raised; by minimizing the basis for pecuniary can even the four corps for which he will demands, for it asserted that the necessity taught, we should have had to say No. ask at this time be raised? With the great | for coercive military demonstrations ceased drain to which the Militia has been sub- when the legations at Pekin were rescued, the poets are usually more inclined to teach reslected had there not been a by-law against jected during the past eighteen months, and when plenipotentiaries were appointed and the repeated calls on the country for by the Chinese Government to treat for are supposed to have mastered the rudi-Volunteers, it is deemed doubtful in some peace. In pursuance of this principle, quarters if the Secretary for War can get | it has refused to take part in any so-called more than a paper organization, even if punitive expedition, and has held that the Parliament gives him all for which he asks. | cost of retaining American troops at Pekin, The eight garrison regiments are thought to and in the Province of Chihli after the be especially doubtful. These are to be relief of the legations, should be charged, composed of men who have finished their | not to the Chines Government, but to our first term of service, and will be stationed own exchequer. It was upon this theory at Mediterranean posts, setting free some that the total damages sustained by the five battalions of line regiments now United States in their national capacity holding those places; and it is noted that and by their citizens were computed at no there has been nothing in recent recruiting | more than \$25,000,000, the further assumpstatistics on which to predict a speedy tion being that the aggregate indemnity Another element of doubt of the success \$200,000,000. Our representative at Pekin of which we have heard is in Chicago.

is honestly striving to keep the indemnities

sideration. It is not the wont of Parliament | larger than that put forward by Japan, which did the major part of the work. Germany adready demands \$70,000,000, and these figures do not include the cost of rethe Commons will embody what seem to cent punitive expeditions, not one of which should have been undertaken after the negotiations for peace began. If these expeditions had any purpose except to wreak barbarous vengeance for the murder of the German Minister, and to provide grounds for extortionate exactions, we are unable to discern it. It is certain that they have had a harmful effect upon the Chinese mind, which cannot understand why the same offence should be atoned for twice, first, by pecuniary damages, and secondly by wholesale massacres. According to Dr. L. L. SEAMAN, formerly Surgeon-Major just returned from China, these expeditions were guilty of atrocious bloodshed. no fewer than 12,000 unarmed and innocent persons having been slaughtered in one day. Russia's claim for pecuniary reparation is also large, but this is comparatively justifiable, because of all the treaty Powers Russia alone has been the victim of invasion at the hands of Chinese Regular troops acting under the orders of the Pekin Government. France asks for nearly as much, although she suffered

relatively little. So much for the great Powers, which, it will be noticed, are evenly balanced, the United States, Great Britain and Japan favoring lenity, while Germany, Russia and France insist upon draconian severity. Unfortunately, the other Powers, to wit, Austria, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Holland, though their losses have been comparatively small, and their expenditures insignificant, have equal votes with the great Powers named in the conference of Ministers at Pekin, and, for the most part, support the side which adopts the policy of spoliation. The result is that the total indemnities demanded already amount to \$400,000,000, and this sum does not include the extra charges that will be made, should considerable bodies of foreign troops outside of the legation guards be retained at Pekin and in the Province of Chihli during the summer.

It may as well be understood, first and last, that China will not, because she cannot, pay \$400,000,000, and that any attempt to extort that enormous sum will compel her to offer territorial concessions by way of substitute for money. Has this been all along the secret purpose of certain Powers? It is difficult, in view of the facts, to arrive at any other conclusion.

The Triumphs of Three-Cent Tom.

Humbly but happily we record the progress of the Hon. Tom Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland. The other afternoon a handsome coach drawn by bob-tailed steeds and steered by a liveried coachman thundered up to the door of the Cleveland House of Correction. " Has Tom Johnson given loungers. It was no Black Maria, but Tom's coach of state. Out he jumped with his party, including the Director of Charities, and went in to a meeting of the Workhouse Pardon Board. The Police to make restitution in the only way possible Judges were absent. The Mayor had his own way, a way of milk and mildness.

Man guilty of intoxication and assault and battery: pardoned because his little niece interceded for him. Ancient man called by the Mayor, "the fellow who looks fear that it has been obtained in ways like RIP VAN WINKLE," had to pay \$4.35, which have violated the solemn and em- residue of his fine. Tom was for paying phatic precept of CHRIST and barred the the fine himself, but finally decided to Remove from giving this incentive of shot in the neck: discharged and sent to a penitential motive and the religious, the hospital. Assaulter and batterer with vindication of the highway rights of the public, and The House of Commons is expected to treasuries would suffer a loss which would a sweetheart waiting for him in Youngsgo as "his mother needs him." Among the boy's iniquities was snowballing. " I have thrown snowballs many times myself," said the Mayor, "but I was lucky."

Fifteen prisoners had applied for pardon. Eleven applications were granted; decision on four was reserved. Then the Mayor and his party inspected the workhouse. The great man was recognized and applauded. "Three cheers for Tom L. Johnson!" rang from the cells and along the corridors. "I hate to have it come from here," was Tom's sole thanks for this hearty reception. But why? Popularity is popushould like them because they like him.

The Chicago Poetry School.

The genius of Chicago never wanes, but United States a school where poetry is ments of their business. So the porpoise has had his lessons in the natatorium before the public sees him. Mr. EDWIN MARKHAM is a professor of his own works, but there are ill-judging spirits which decline to be as sisters? convinced that those works are poetry. Mr. BART CALLAN of this town is forming a museum of Poet Laureates or Poets Laureate, but he doesn't receive beginners. The beauty and picturesqueness of the

of the Chicago public schools and members

The young women like to touch the magic lyre. "We all write it," avers a student

s a stanza from a poem which is decorated with a picture of a child running and holding a paper windmill:

"As the child controls his actions. Makes his movements what he will, in the movements back of nature.

He reads meanings deeper still." Sound and kind, that quatrain. Something of the old writer of "Emblems," something of Dr. WATTS; something, perhaps, of transcendental pedagogy. next number has a windmill, too, a good old Dutch one. And now we shiver in the gust of song:

"With mighty blast, with gentle breath. The wind goes by we know not where: Whence is this force we cannot see, Yet mark its path in earth and air' There is a brilliant marriage of poetry

and science. Whence, too, is this afflatus we cannot see? Here it comes again, this ime with mighty blast:

Roaring and blustering on his way. The wind a mighty monarch speeds. His ruthless sceptre holds full sway.

that the police force was then headed by one Superintendent of Police, and we believe that ever since that time there has always been a high executive officer ranking between the Commissioners of Police and the inspectors of police, who has been called either Superintendent of Police or Chief of Police.

The practical result of the Charter amendment now adopted by the Legislature is to unite all the chief executive functions in the Commissioner of Police, for his immediate inferiors will be the ten inspectors. When we consider further that the Commissioner can be removed at any time by the Governor, we see to what extent the control the city a new Black Maria?" asked the over the police force of this city has passed to the State government.

> The expressed objects and intentions of the Highway Alliance, a new good roads organization, just incorporated in New York with its headquarters in this city, should leave no doubt as to the usefulness, both local and national, of such an organization. Here are some of the more important objects for which the alliance exists:

"I Public agitation for highway improvement Obtaining and publishing information relating to highways. 3. Proposal of laws and ordinances for highway opening, construction, maintenance and traffic. 4. Opposing proposed laws and ordinances tending to diminish the usefulness of highways.

as "a bad boy all right enough: " let improvement Most of them have observed improvement Most of them have observed and more of a grazing country, and if h closely the work accomplished in that direction principal industry were allowed to fall in tion by the League of American Wheelmen and, doubtless, appreciate the desirability of having an organization which, while it may not literally join hands with the wheelmen or with any other organized body, shall. nevertheless, exert itself vigorously in championing a common cause, namely that of

The Highway Alliance will introduce a new feature so far as concerns its membership. In order that it shall not be obligatory upon all who join the alliance to give to it their support financially, two grades of membership will be in force, persons belonging to one grade to be known as active or contributing members and those belonging to the larity; and Ton seems determined to let other as general or sympathetic members. most of his workhouse admirers go free. Any one in the latter grade may change his They have good reason to like him and he status whenever he likes upon payment of the dues of a contributing member for one rear

seekers in the women's clubs. Let the scornit shows new phases. Something rich ers forever stand rebuked before the noble of Chicago. Mrs. C. S. Case was elected President unanimously. To make clear that there was no ill feeling, Mrs. Case and the retiring President, Mrs. GEORGE WATRINS. embraced each other as soon as the result of the balloting was known. Mrs. Case Poets like porpoises come in schools, but said that Mrs. Warkins would have been than to learn. When they appear they a third term. Mrs. Warkins said that Mrs. whom every member would have voted. We recommend this amiable frame of mind

The decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury that Lieut -Col Jacobs, Deputy Quartermaster General, U.S. A , must pay for the entertainment of the foreign military attaches who accompanied Gen SHAPTER'S headquar old frigate Constitution, as many people a soap poems, pickle ballads and other ters in the Santiago operations is final, and rhymed advertisements prove that there the money expended will have to be paid by must be a powerful Poetry Trust in the that officer. At Gen Shapter's request, the Department at Washington has none, as payable to all the Powers should not exceed | country, but the only real School of Poetry | Secretary of War authorized him to draw | Department sends on to Salem persons \$2,000 for the purpose of entertuining those capital expecting to see there a model officers in a manner befitting their rank: ship. The custodian is also authority Some thirty young women, graduates officers in a manner beautiful formation of the Salem model can be but the Comptroller of the Treasury decides ment that only in the Salem model can be but the Comptroller of the Treasury decides that the allowance was without warrant of the way the Constitution looked in her origin diriginal that the allowance was without warrant of Chicago Normal School, compose the School of Poetry and the poetry which it produces. "Every one of these young women," says the Chicago News, "has written poetry to complete her course, is only technically responsible for the extraction of the way the the model is not account in her actival in the model is the model is not account in her actival in the model is so years oid, and that the should be move provided for its care, but that the solutions the model is not seen that the model is not account in her actival in the model is solvent to the museum he said that the solutions that the allowance was without warrant of the way the to model is not account in her actival in the model is solvent in the model produces. "Every one of these young exists which permits such entertainment women," says the Chicago News, "has at Government expense But as to Jacobs written poetry to complete her course, and specimens of the verse of each cadet ful, it is probable that the next Congress full to the condition of the conditi great this lack of officers has been appears from a statement that during the purpose no fewer than 22,000 men. We pears from a statement that during the purpose no fewer than 22,000 men. We are on exhibit where the populace may will be asked to comburse him for the amount will be asked to comburse him for the amount will be asked to comburse him for the amount will be asked to comburse him for the amount which he will have to pay under the decision.

Peaches Will Be Plentiful.

According to reports received lately by several produce commission merchants in

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS AND MARRIAGE. Puller Statement as to the Views and Claims of Mrs. Eddy.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SUN of the 12th a correspondent, discussing the question of marriage, says that this institution is frowned upon by the founders of Christian Science. This is an entire misrepresentation of the teachings of this Science. since it mistakes the end for the beginning

While the founder of this movement has commented upon the subject in her chapter on "Marriage" in "Science and Health, With Key to The Scriptures," she has never indicated a law for the action of Christian Scientists, but has left this question to be settled by each individual, according to his own judgment. The purpose of Christian Science is to mark out the way of progress to that perfection which Jesus termed "Eternai Life " For this reason the customs and usages of this world must not be abused if

we would advance spiritually. Though in their mental modes Christian Scientists recognize no other Life, Substance or Intelligence but God, yet they are mindful

The wind a mighty monaron speeds.

His ruthless sceptre holds full sway.

Nor man's nor nature's voice he heeds.

We wish that the world had the complete productions of the whole thirty, but enough has been given to show that the Chicago school means business and is doing a good one.

The Abolition of the Chief of Police.
One of the most remarkable amendments to the Charter made by the Legislature, is that which abolishes the office or post of Chief of Police, and drope out of existence all Deputy Chiefs of Police.
Section 278 now provides that the police force in the Police Department shall consist of fifteen inspectors of police, and patrolinen. And the five Deputies now in office are made inspectors with salaries of Deputy Chiefs of Police.
The Charter as framed by the Charter Revision Commission provided for a Chief of Police and two Deputy Chiefs of Police.
The Charter as framed by the Charter Revision Commission provided for a Chief of Police and two Deputy Chiefs of Police.
Under the existing Charter, which took effect in 1897, there were one Chief of Police, and five Deputy Chiefs of Police and two Deputy Chiefs of Police, and five Deputy Chiefs of Police, and five Deputy Chiefs of Police, and patrolinen. And the five Deputies now in office are made inspectors with salaries of Deputy Chiefs of Police, and patrolinen. And the five Deputies now in office are made inspectors with salaries of Deputy Chiefs of Police, and five Deputy Chiefs

why find fault with Mrs Eddy for expressing the same idea? Christian Scientists do not pretend to say that celibacy is more nearly right for mortals of this period, but that it is a higher ideal since it belongs to man's spiritual state. The critics of Christian Science Insist upon claiming for them what they do not claim for themselves, the possibility of living as if in the perfect state, while we are still imperfect. we are still imperfect.
Your correspondent declares that Christian

your correspondent declares that Christian Scientists believe Mrs Eddy to be "in literal fact, that woman clothed with the Sun, referred to in the twelfth chapter of Revelations." This assertion is mere speculation. There is no authority for making such a claim. Mrs. Eddy's explanations of Revelations did not deal with personality at all. She has considered this purely in its intended metaphorical sense, and so do Christian Scientists.

Scientists

The statement that Mrs. Eddy claims in her powers and attributes, to be the equal of Jesus, is too silly to be noticed.

WILLARD S. MATTOX.

NEW YORK, April 14.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The socept American or other foreign beef from contractors supplying the troops in the United Kingdom is clearly a matter of economic policy. The British and Irish farmers have been suffering for a long time from the competition of imported meats, which, coupled with the imports of chesp grain, has nearly ended their rent-paying capacity. With only about one-sixth of the area

of the British islands under tillage, and the product of the pasture lands, which it is estimated yield only about fifty pounds of beef a worse condition than it is in the always simmering discontent of the population might develop into active hostility to the landlords and Government Incidentally. might develop devernment. Incident too, an opportunity is given of striki side blow at Holland in return for its Boer sympathies, there being a large e of beef cattle from that country to land. Broadly speaking, however, the of savings and taxation which has going on since the Boer war began is for the British Government and people to husbanding their resources, and the natural way to begin is to help the denatural way to begin is to help the denatural way. natural way to begin is to help the develop ment of their own home-grown food supplies

for many centuries?

Chinese at the point of the sword, Mauser and Krupp, have thought that their eyes through generations of and I shall never give another cent for missionar work of this sort as long as I live. Yours for equal localize things before them. The man whose sight religious liberty. D. WEBSTER GROH. was suddenly restored to him said he saw "men as HAGERSTOWN, Md. April 14

Neighborhood Halls.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -Sie. The article to-day concerning the proposition for neighborhood halls in New York recalls to me that in passing through Utah recently the attention of our party was called to the amusement halls in each ward of every town. We were told that music and dancing, tending, games, to all Democratic reorganizers and all the Democratic enemies of reorganization. Cannot brethren dwell together in unity as well | Churches all now recognize the fact that enjoyment must be provided. SOMERVILLE, N. J., April 12.

Old Ironsides' Model

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL IS the or custodian of the museum says that had model of "Old Ironsides" in existence, that

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In repla this city it is expected that the crop of peaches to Mr. Filch's request for information in regard Destructive criticism alone thus far appears to have been directed at the official proposals; but constructive criticism will come. The matter of army reorganization is of too great importance to Engliand to by acted upon without grave con-

MARRIAGE ON \$20 A WEEK.

A Discourager of Matrimony. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! To men of means or an established foothold in life, the question is one-half decided-he has only to secure the acceptance of the woman of to be considered—the material one. Most newspaper readers have read of one of our bookkeeper at \$9 a week. Fully 9) per cent. of us small-salaried men know that we shall never reach a position in life where our names will be household words and if successful, even in a nominal way, there are hardships to endure and risks to take and unless we are provided to tide over a period of misfortune we have no right as men to ask a woman to share such an uncertain condition.

A gambler will risk his last dollar on the turn of a card. It has been said that matrimony is a lottery. There are many gamblers.
If you win on the turn of the card, good.
While you are gloating over your good fortune the police raid the gambling place and
you are carted away to the police station;
that has been said that said.

tune the police raid the gambling place and you are carted away to the police station; that's bad.

Most of your letters have been both interesting and instructive, but there is one from "G.E.W." who seems to consider the matter as a great joke. He begins with Punch's "Don't" and proceeds with a rough-shod optimistic disregard for the serious phases of married life, telling of "God's own creature, woman," who when she loves would be happier with a "man God made in his own image" on "\$10 per" than she would be without him on the income of an Astorbilt. Then he tells you he is not counselling rashness. To most of us interested in this matter rashness is an extremely mild word for such insufferable nonsense.

But is there nothing more in life than three or four dresses for a woman and a man to refrain from throwing dice. Is there no theatre to go to, no lecture to attend, no friends to entertain, no such thing as a week in the country in hot weather. In a word, can \$2 \times a week do anything more than make both man and woman consent to live on a bare existence.

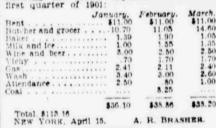
existence.
To "Economy" I would say: no, emphaticall.
Not a Gambler in Matrimony.
New York, April 13.

An Experience.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The man with a salary of \$20 weekly, wants some facts. I can give them to him from the experience of a young couple several years married, promising that their living has been of the best kind and their apartment is situated in a delightful residential part of the city, in an old-fashioned house which has accommodations for six other tenants.

Here are the figures, and the vouchers therefor are open to inspection at any time. Last year the total household expenses proper

Hast year the total nousehold expenses proper amounted to \$374
Having obtained an increase in salary, this year they promise to be a little larger, as may be seen from the following tables, showing the actual expenditures for the first quarter of 1901:



"Fconomy" Retorts. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I can hardly see an error on one's part in having put such queries as I did to a journal or public, whether it be so thought as that put forth by an idiot or a "know-nothing." No. sir; there is the daily occurrence in this great metropolis of too many of our "gentlemen decision of the British Government not to friends" plunging themselves into matrimonial ties, going on headlong, knowing not one thing or another as to what will be not one thing or another as to what will be their outcome, and the almost constant newspaper accounts of ill-matched couples, unhappy marriages and trouble galore, are results of rashness. "G E W" need have no fear of my getting bald-headed worrying and he certainly is of a joking nature or he would have made omissions as to losing a job or getting put out of action by a trolley car. Propertings of real laye are quite well underin him would not contemplate marriage if he did not feel himself competent of the responsibility. Hence, my good sir, is the reason of my asking of those of experience their version of the subject, and their able replies have inspired me enthusiastically, so to say. So worthy an editorial article as appears in this day's issue of The Scn should appeal to any clean-minded person, having in his conscience the thoughts of the one true love of his choice. Economy

Mrs. Brady Her Own Miller.

From the Columbus Dispatch CARDINGTON, Obio, April 10 -An old fash-foned water power mill on North Fork, a small stream in the northeast part of Morrow county, is operated by Mrs Milford Brady, with the assistance of a boy She has nothing with he assistance of a boy She has nothing to do with her neighbors except in a business way with those who take grists to her mill. She is a quaint character and lives in a small log hut adjoining the mill. When she was clight years old her mother died and her father died when she was h. The old mill, built a century ago, was owned by her father, and since his death she has kept it going she has never been more than a few miles from it.

Ever That Will Not See.

From the London Times The Christianity in China.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sis When Christians who profess to have their enemies." "turn the unsmitten cheek." "do unto others as they wish others to do unto them." "forgive seventy larges seven, &c., and boast of their "Christian charity" yet mob the Mormons, Adventists, Faith Curists and others of their own Christian breithnen, simply for a slight variation in their belief, are the heatien Chinese to be blamed for similarly treating Christian missionaries who assail the very foundation of the cherished. Some misogynists have exulted over the blamed for similarly treating Christian missionaries those of their officers. The soldier often seems to who assail the very foundation of the cherished be quite incapable of distinguishing things with his religion of their fathers and mothers and ancestors | eyes. The word distinguish is used here in its origthat sense of separating one object from another.

> long unintelligent use have degenerated and cannot was suddenly restored to him said he saw "men as | find you at work the first thing in the morntrees walking," showing that at first he could not sepa-rate one object from another; so it is with the soldier. The work of trying to train eyesight that has become dulled from generations of neglect is slow and difficult. direction can be done whenever a squadron leader has

Question them as to the names of any prominfeatures or landmarks in the surrounding country; ask the names of rivers, railways and roads. If a village or town has been passed through, the names number of carts or the description of people and cattle

As a personal illustration, once when going round as Field Officer in a garrison town the sentry did not turn out the guard or shoulder till told to do so. ward, on being asked as to who he thought it was, he and replied, "A corporal." The difference between the appointments of an officer and corporal of Lancers was ten pointed out to him. The excuse was. "I did not a feet. Others could no doubt produce sim that instables of Want of observation among the rank

temperce of the Sen, the School Board must take up the question and begin a course of careful progreative education for the next generation of possible

The Oyster Shell Issue in New Orleans. From the New Grienns Times-Democrat.

The City Council, at its meeting Tuesday night, accepted the bid of 10% cents a barrel for oyster shells, to be used in paving and filling the dirt streets, as against eight cents, the price formerly paid. This is an increase of more than 30 per cent., and will add proportionately to the cost of keeping the shell roads There is no reason or excess given for the raise,

and the Council should not have submitted to it or allowed the city to be thus squeezed. There is no lack of oyster shells, as a matter of fact, there are more of them now than formedly. It is true that there may be a trust or a corner in them. but the very face that the shells have been cornered in order to victimize the city should have made the Council all the more determined not to submit. The city can ill afford to increase its paving bills 30 per cent., par ticularly for oyster shells. It is to be hoped that Mayor Capdevielle will by his velo prevent the mistake of the Council being consummated, and give notice that the price asked for oyster shells is too high and wholly unreasonable, and that the city will not pay it.

MACHINE TO LIGHT THE PIRE

No More Early Rising in the Cold for House wives at Knoxville, Tenn. That ancient controversy in humble households as to who shall get up first in the morning and start the fire in the kitchen stove has his choice. To other men the other side is aroused the inventive instincts of one John M. Leek of Knoxville, Tenn , and Mr. Leek. by rising early mornings and working his wits ichest men who married when working as a hard, has produced and patented a machine which he warrants will settle the fire-lighting

problem as long as fires shall be needed. The housewives' friend and divorce lawvers' Nemesis has been suggested as a good name for the ingenious Mr. Leek's invention, but he hasn't named it yet. It has only a number in the Patent Office. It settles the question as to who shall light the fire by eliminating it altogether. The machine does the

ing it altogether. The machine does the trick.

It consists of a wheel with a rough surface, moved by a coiled spring which is connected with an ordinary alarm clock. A clamp holds several matches, which must be raplaced after using, against the roughene i surface of the wheel, and a wick, supported by a wire hanger, leads from the matches to the kindlings in the stove. A lot more wick is coiled inside the machine so that it can be pulled out and the supply be kept up for a long series of fire lightings. The machine is set before the stove.

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The alarm clock set for the fire-lighting hour, touches off the spring in the machine, the spring moves the wheel around, which lights the matches, which in turn ignite the

lights the matches, which in turn ignite the oil-soaked wick, and the flame runs down to the kindlings in the stove, the wick burning itself out.

Finally, when the fire is burning briskly and the chill is taken off the atmosphere thereby, the owner can climb out of bed, bless the name of Leek and yow that Knox-ville, Tenn., should contain a moument to carry down his name and fame to the ages when fire lighting shall be obsolete.

PAPER COFFINS.

The Invention of a Brooklyn Physician, and Said to Be a Success.

"One of the latests thing in paper." said a dealer, "is coffins. The manufacturers are now prepared to turn out an article in the way of a coffin which meets all the requirements expected from a piece of furniture of that kind.

"The paper coffin has stood all the tests. It has been demonstrated to be waterproof, firetroof, acid pro f—in fact, indestructible. In its cheapest form it is 50 per cent, cheaper than the piain pine boxes used for the Potter's Field interments and it is 50 per cent, better. "Then again very handsome paper coffins are made. You can make the prepared paper stock take any form you wish and adorn it with all varieties of mountings and ornamentalism. An artistically treated paper coffin may be made to look like the finest rosewood or oaken casket. "It was a Brooklyn physician who first conceived the idea of making coffins out of paper. In addition to being a physician this gentleman was a speculator. He made a good deal of money dicketing in real estate in Brooklyn. With this he went up into the Adirondack region to spend the rest of his days and tinker at chemistry, which was one of his hobbies. "It was in that way that he got filled up with the paper coffin idea. Studying the paper stock in the mills up there he convinced himself that it could be so treated with chemicals that it would make capital coffin naterial. People laughed at him at first. They thought he was only throwing his money away with his experiments. But he knew what he was at and kept on at his work. The result was that he won our and has made a lot of money. He has just sold It has been demonstrated to be waterproof,

work. The result was that he won out and has made a lot of money. He has just sold his patents to a large manufacturing combination for a handsome sum of ready money and a royalty on every paper coffin made. It means a big fortune to him.

SAWED THE SCHOONER IN HALVES. o' Disputed Ownership.

BUCKSPORT, Me , April 15 - "The old spite boat on the beach at Grand Manan," said Capt. Tom Hunt the other day, "is a striking illustration of how far the stubbornness of some people is carried. Rather than give in both owners of the schooner decided to leave her to the ravages of time. The hoat was the former property of two Canadian fishermen who made a living by catching cod, pollock and other fish so common in the Bay of Fundy, until a disagreement arose. Then each wanted to buy out the interest

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Brooklyn, April 14.

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"The work was slow, but in a few hours the saw had done its duty in dividing the craft and settling its ownership. It was thought that each of the fishermen would start in to build a new half to his piece on the beach, but up to this time it has not been done and tifere is little indication that the craft will ever again toss on the high waves in the Bay of Fundy."

Automobiles and the French Army.

ducted in France with the automobile, for the purpose of gauging the usefulness of that machine in war, has led to an order from the French War Office to the effect that it will exercise the right of preemption over all motor carriages whenever there occurs a mobilization of the army. Pursuant to this in France to horses, railways and tramways

From London Tit-Pita "Pat," said a manager to one of his workmen, "you must be an early riser. I always

ing "Indade, and Oi am, sor It's a family trait, O'm thinking "
"Then your father was an early riser, too?"
"Me father, is it? He roises that early that if he went to bed a little later he'd meet himself getting up in the mornin."

An Easy Numismattst.

From the Philadelphia Press. Mrs Goodart-You seem to have some education; perhaps you were once a professional man?"
Howard Hasher—"Lady, I'm a numismatist by profession
Mrs. Goodart—"A numismatist?"
Howard Hasher—"Yee, lady, a collector of rare coins—Any old coin is rare to me."

Many Conversions to Roman Catholicism Reported.

From the Boston Pllot. The reception of converts into the Church has become such a matter of ordinary occurrence that it is no longer news except it be the reception of some very prominent person. It is no longer an unusual thing to hear of twenty-five or more converts being received at the close of a mission.

The conversion movement is of recent origin. It has its centre about the Paulists in New York and is is represented by the Missionary, a quarterly publication. The Missionary contains reports from the priests who are actively engaged in the work and there is not one who does not report most eminent successes: as, for example, the Chicago mission with its 137 converts. These come from all classes and conditions in life.

Somers and Winters.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. ROYERSFORD, April 9. - While in pursuit of John Somers, charged with larceny, Detective J. J. CrConnor of Pottstown and Officer Harry Beideman yesterday met with a warm reception at the home of William

Thanks for a Well-Kept Roof. From the Chapman (Kan.) Advertiser.

I wish to thank those who assisted me in keeping my roof from blowing off to-day. J. C. RUSSEL.

Zip and His Wheel.

From the Springfield Republican.

Zip Yell was thrown from his bicycle while riding on East street yesterday by a dog and received a se-vere scalp wound. His bicycle was badly broken.